



Record of meeting

York, North Lincolnshire, and the Humber sub-regional improvement board

4 May 2018

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

Carol Gray	Deputy Director, Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, East Midlands and Humber (Chair)
Matthew Harrington	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Karen Keaney	Hull City Council
Maxine Squire	City of York Council
Andrew Smith	Diocese of York
Chris Abbott	Teaching Schools Council

Invited representatives

Jane Elsworth	Huntingdon Research School
Ged Fitzpatrick	Teaching Schools Council Local Hub Lead
David Eaton	Teaching Schools Council Local Hub Lead
Jake Capper	Teaching Schools Council Local Hub Lead
Andrea Tonks	Teaching Schools Council Local Hub Lead
Pat Dubas	Teaching Schools Council

DfE officials in attendance included

Anna Leonard

Apologies

Paul Thompson	Diocese of Lincoln
Roz Danks	North East Lincolnshire Council
Peter Thorpe	North Lincolnshire Council
Tina Page	North Lincolnshire Council
John Edwards	Regional Schools Commissioner, East Midlands and Humber

Discussion points

Sub-regional improvement board members were reminded of the confidentiality of the papers and discussion at the meeting and that they must declare any actual or potential interests that might impact upon their impartiality in the review and prioritisation of applications. Conflicts of interest were dealt with in line with the published terms of reference.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) rounds 1 & 2

A discussion took place on the progress of SSIF rounds 1 and 2 projects being delivered in the sub-region. The group discussed any knowledge they had of projects' recent successes or challenges.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) round 3

An overview was provided of SSIF round 3 applications. Sub-regional improvement board members considered the applications and fed in their views on:

1. the fit of the proposal with the identified sub-regional priorities, including whether the schools selected are those most in need of support; and
2. whether the applicant and specified providers have the capacity and capability to successfully deliver the activity such that it delivers the desired outcomes.

The views in the meeting on round 3 applications were broadly in support of the applications submitted; on the whole, the applications were viewed as thoughtful and collaborative.

The majority of applications met the sub-regional priorities. The majority of applications targeted appropriate schools for intervention, but there were some where schools with greater needs could have been included. Consideration was given to the proposed providers' capacity, capability and track record in delivering improvement support similar to that proposed in the applications. All of these points were noted to be fed into the Department's assessment of each application.

© Crown copyright 2018



Record of meeting

York, North Lincolnshire, and the Humber sub-regional improvement board

11 December 2017

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement boards members

John Edwards	Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber (Chair)
Matthew Harrington	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Karen Keaney	Hull City Council
Maxine Squire	City of York Council
Roz Danks	North East Lincolnshire Council
Andrew Smith	Diocese of York
Huw Thomas	Diocese of Sheffield
Chris Abbott	Teaching Schools Council

DfE officials in attendance

Chris Caroe, Eve Cantrill

Apologies

Jackie Waters-Dewhurst	Diocese of Lincoln
Peter Thorpe	North Lincolnshire Council

Discussion points

An overview was provided of the applications received within the sub-region for round 2 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF). It was noted that the announcement of successful projects would be made in January 2018 and that following the announcement TSC would link with teaching schools and providers to consider:

- eligible schools not yet supported by SSIF projects
- commissioning of projects to address sub-regional priorities for SSIF round 3 which had not been met in round 2.

It was noted that SSIF round 3 will open before Christmas.

Ahead of SSIF round 3 the meeting discussed the data and local intelligence on priority needs for different schools within the areas. These were identified as priorities as areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive.

For some schools, as relevant, across York, North Lincolnshire and the Humber sub-region:

- closing the most significant gaps in outcomes between specific pupil groups and the rest, in schools in the sub-region where there is evidence of the greatest need, particularly:
- literacy and numeracy outcomes for disadvantaged pupils across all key stages
- outcomes for boys at KS4
- outcomes for SEN support pupils
- improving KS2 reading progress in schools in the sub-region where there is evidence of the greatest need.

The list of priorities within the region will be circulated to sub-regional improvement board attendees after the meeting. This will also be disseminated to MATs after the meeting.

The benefits to potential applicants of the SSIF advisers and the TSC being aware of the number and nature of likely applications was emphasised, including to identify any areas of overlap. Sub-regional improvement board members were encouraged to pass any knowledge of potential applications to DfE, via the SSIF adviser Pat Dubas. This again was not for reasons of exclusivity, but to mitigate gaps in provision emerging given that the data and intelligence was showing all attendees at the meeting some important areas for focus and, subject to the Secretary of State's decisions, in due course, potential SSIF funding.

© Crown copyright 2018



Record of meeting

York, North Lincolnshire and the Humber sub-regional improvement board

10 November 2017

Attendance

Sub-regional improvement board members

John Edwards	Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber (Chair)
Matthew Harrington	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Maxine Squire	City of York Council
Tina Page	North Lincolnshire Council
Karen Keaney	Hull City Council
Chris Abbott	Teaching Schools Council
Alison Smith	Diocese of York
Paul Thompson	Diocese of Lincoln

Invited representatives

Pat Dubas	Teaching Schools Council
-----------	--------------------------

DfE officials in attendance included

Bev Annables, Helen Pledger

Apologies

Joanne Hewson	North East Lincolnshire Council
Peter Giorgio	Diocese of Nottingham
Kevin Duffy	Diocese of Middlesbrough

Discussion points

Sub-regional improvement board members were reminded of the confidentiality of the papers and discussion at the meeting and that they must declare any actual or potential interests that might impact upon their impartiality in the review and prioritisation of applications. Conflicts of interest were dealt with in line with the published terms of reference.

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) round 2

An overview was provided of SSIF round 2 applications. Sub-regional improvement board members considered the applications and fed in their views on:

1. the fit of the proposal with the identified sub-regional priorities, including whether the schools selected are those most in need of support; and
2. whether the applicant and specified providers have the capacity and capability to successfully deliver the activity such that it delivers the desired outcomes.

The views in the meeting on round 2 applications were broadly in support of the applications submitted; on the whole, the applications were viewed as thoughtful and collaborative. Four of the five applications focused on schools in this sub-region were deemed to meet the sub-regional priorities whilst the fifth was deemed to partially meet the priorities. The majority of the applications targeted appropriate schools for support, however, there were some where schools with greater needs could have been included. Consideration was given to the proposed providers' capacity, capability and track record in delivering improvement support similar to that proposed in the applications. All of these points were then fed into the Department's assessment of each application.

Risk register

The risk register was discussed. Risks were assessed and amended to reflect the likelihood of the risks continuing or materialising. The register will be amended and produced for the next meeting.

Actions

- Anna Leonard to contact North East Lincolnshire Council (as not present at the meeting) regarding schools in their area that are included in round 2 applications.

© Crown copyright 2018



Record of meeting

York, North Lincolnshire and the Humber sub-regional improvement board

13 September 2017

Attendance

Sub regional improvement board members

John Edwards	Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber (Chair)
Matthew Harrington	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Karen Keaney	Hull City Council
Maxine Squire	City of York Council
Roz Danks	North East Lincolnshire Council
Peter Thorpe	North Lincolnshire Council
Andrew Smith	Diocese of York (CofE)
Kevin Duffy	Diocese of Middlesbrough (RC)
Damien Keogh	Diocese of Nottingham (RC)
Chris Wheatley	Teaching Schools Council

Invited representatives

Kate Mckenna	Teaching Schools Council
--------------	--------------------------

DfE officials in attendance included

Debbie Usherwood, Chris Caroe

Apologies

Huw Thomas	Diocese of Sheffield (CofE)
Jackie Waters-Dewhurst	Diocese of Lincoln

Discussion points

The draft sub-regional improvement board terms of reference were noted as how the discussions in these meetings would operate and how decisions on funding were for the Secretary of State only.

An overview was provided of the outcome of round 1 of the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF), noting DfE announcement from early September which set out the one successful application for this sub-region. John recognised and thanked applicants and sub-regional improvement board members for all of the hard work that had gone into round 1 applications.

The features that distinguished projects which the Secretary of State had decided to fund through round 1 compared to those that were not were noted as:

- clearer articulation and stronger evidence of the need to be addressed in the specific

schools identified

- more robust evidence for how and why the proposed intervention would deliver the proposed impact
- stronger evidence of the capacity of providers to deliver the proposed intervention
- a more robust and specific action plan
- more robust plans to sustain the impact of the intervention
- clearer evidence of steps taken to secure value for money

The need to identify and manage risks to successful delivery of the SSIF in York, North Lincolnshire and the Humber was discussed.

The closing date for round 2 applications to be sent to DfE was confirmed as 20 October and sub-regional improvement board members were encouraged to read the updated guidance which is now available on gov.uk.

Ahead of SSIF round 2 the meeting discussed the data and local intelligence on priority needs for different schools within the areas. These were identified as areas of focus for some schools and were by no means exclusive:

For some schools, as relevant across York, North Lincolnshire and the Humber sub-region

- improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils including by supporting the quality of their learning and family engagement

For some schools, as relevant, within specific LA areas:

East Riding of Yorkshire

- removing the barriers to the achievement of disadvantaged pupils including in the early years

Hull

- improving literacy and numeracy outcomes of disadvantaged pupils, particularly at EYFS and KS4
- supporting the development of an inclusive model of education, particularly for children with SEN, with a focus on points of transition

North East Lincolnshire

- supporting the development of an inclusive model of mainstream education to support improved outcomes for all children with a focus on behaviour and points of transition
- improving outcomes at targeted schools in reading and maths at KS2
- improving outcomes at targeted schools in KS4 for all pupils particularly in English and maths

North Lincolnshire

- supporting the development of an inclusive model of mainstream education, particularly for children with special educational needs and disabilities
- improve primary outcomes through increased capacity for system leadership and peer challenge

York

- improving KS1 outcomes in maths for disadvantaged pupils

The role of all sub-regional improvement board members and especially the Teaching Schools Council (as set out in the published terms of reference for sub regional improvement boards) in disseminating these priorities to potential round 2 applicants was noted as an urgent priority.

The benefits of maintaining an overview of the number and nature of potential applications was emphasised, including to identify any deficit or excess of applications relating to specific geographies or priority school improvement needs. Sub-regional improvement board members were encouraged to pass any knowledge of potential applications to DfE, via the Teaching Schools Council. This again was not for reasons of exclusivity but to mitigate gaps in provision emerging given what the data and intelligence was showing all attendees at the meeting about some important areas for focus and, subject to the Secretary of State's decisions in due course, about potential SSIF funding.

© Crown copyright 2018